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The American Government. By H. C. Gauss. New York. L. R. Hamersley & Co. 1908. Pages 871.

The author of this work has collected a mass of information concerning the detail machinery of our federal government. It is arranged in skeleton form with a view to ready reference. It cannot but be of great help to the close student of American government and a convenient reference for one coming in contact with the different branches of our federal government.

H. E. D.

Handbook of the Law of Sales. By Francis B. Tiffany. St. Paul. West Pub. Co. 1908. Sec. Ed. pp. x, 534.

This second edition appearing twelve years after the first will be found to contain virtually the same material as the first with such new matter as has been necessarily added to bring the work up to date. The first edition, it will be remembered, was founded largely on Benjamin. The English Sale of Goods Act of 1894 was largely used for reference purposes. In this new edition the English Act is printed in the appendix and the Sales Act recommended by the Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, which has already been enacted in several States of the Union, is also printed. Throughout the book there is copious reference to both acts. The work is a typical Hornbook—brief, concise, with black letter headings.

H. T. S.

Trial Evidence. A Synopsis of the Law of Evidence Generally Applicable to Trials. By Richard Lea Kennedy, LL. B., of the St. Paul Bar. St. Paul. The Keefe-Davidson Co., 1906. pp. 49.

This small volume, containing a concise and accurate statement of settled rules of evidence, thoroughly interleaved for local citations, should prove of convenience to any trial lawyer who desires a small hand book to refresh his memory on points of evidence during the progress of a trial. It is a very successful attempt to codify the rules in convenient form with abundant citation of the leading text books on the subject; in fact it might justly be termed a valuable and scholarly index of the works which it cites, namely Am. and Eng. Encyc. of Law, Elliott, Greenleaf, Stephen, and Wigmore on Evidence, Encyc. of Pbod. and Proc., Thayer's Cases and Wigmore's Cases. Also many local statutes are cited.

H. T. S.

True Stories of Crime. By Arthur Train. Illustrated. New York. Charles Scribner's Sons. 1908. Cloth. pp. 406.

These stories are a series of thirteen narratives which have come to the author's knowledge through his connection as an assistant in the District Attorney's Office in New York. Were it not for the fact that the author assures us in his preface that the stories are literally true, one might without effort fancy himself in the realms of fiction, notwithstanding the book's title. This is due to the clever way in which the author has handled his subjects, keeping the reader's interest alive without sacrificing fact to fancy. We take it that the aim of the book is not to instruct but to interest. If this be his purpose, Mr. Train has accomplished that which he set out to do.

W. V. G.